



## **Draft MINUTES**

### **JOINT MEETING**

**WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD  
(WCHSASAB) &  
CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SCAC) &  
SPARKS SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSCAC)**

**Wednesday – July 3, 2019  
3:00 P.M. – Washoe County Senior Center  
1155 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Reno, NV 89512  
Multi-Purpose Room**

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#### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm by Dr. Larry Weiss.

**WCHSASAB Present:** Dr. Larry Weiss, James Doyle, Garth Elliot, Donna Clontz, Rick Sorensen, Sarah Deardorff

**SCAC Present:** Donna Clontz, Barbara Deavers, Vanessa Dixon, Robert Mulvana, Linda Musselman, Francisco “Paco” Poli, Dorismae Weber

**SSCAC Present:** Andrea Pelto, Kyle Waxman, Rosemary Padgett (alternate), Marjorie Ball (alternate), John Sebastian, Brian Chamberlin (alternate), Martin Roberto, Barbara Stirling (alternate), Marsy Kupfersmith

**Absent: WCHSASAB:** Stan Dowdy, Jennifer McMenomy, Barbara Korosa

**SCAC:** Mac Rossi

**SSCAC:** David Hall Sr. (alternate), Margie Hermanson, Avery Huckaby, LaMerne Kozlowski

**WCHSASAB Advisor Present:** Connie McMullen

**Staff Present:** Brad Fitch – Community Liaison, Abby Badolato, Leslie Admirand-Deputy District Attorney, Donald Abbott, Steve McBride

#### **2. Public Comment – None**

#### **3. Member Announcements**

Marsy Kupfersmith thanked Dawn King for donating coffee and sweets for the meeting,

courtesy of Perenn Bakery located in Reno. Poli announces they have a chance to have a booth at the Northern Nevada Pride Celebration in Wingfield Park, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Clontz announces the month of July is Artown. McMullen announces this is the first time Washoe County, Sparks and Reno have come together for a meeting.

**4. Approval of the Agenda: July 3, 2019 (For Possible Action)**

**WCHSASAB** Rick Sorensen makes a motion to approve, seconded by James Doyle. All in favor, motion passes.

**SSAC:** Marsy Kupfersmith makes a motion to approve, seconded by Martin Roberto. All in favor, motion passes.

**SCAC:** Francisco "Paco" Poli makes a motion to approve, seconded by Doris Webber. All in favor, motion passes.

**5. Approval of the Minutes: April 3, 2019 (For Possible Action)**

Martin Roberto makes a correction. Item 14 Public Comment to the name 'Nate Helton'.

**WCHSASAB:** Rick Sorensen makes a motion to approve, seconded by James Doyle. All in favor, motion passes.

**SCAC:** Donna Clontz makes a motion to approve, seconded by Doris Weber. All in favor, motion passes.

**SSAC:** Marsy Kupfersmith makes a motion to approve, seconded by Martin Roberto. All in favor, motion passes.

**6. Presentation: Regarding Silver State Health Insurance – Janel Davis, Communications Officer**

Summary includes:

- Silver State Health Insurance Exchange offers coverage for those who are not currently covered by their employer, and if they are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.
- Nevada Health Link still exists; there are affordable health options available in Nevada.
- Open enrollment is only open for a 45 day window (November 1 – December 15)
- They have income based plans; to be eligible someone has to be 138% - 400% of the Federal poverty level.
- Subscribing to the email list will help keep people informed as they send out information every two weeks.
- Recently they have moved away from the Federal technological platform (Healthcare.gov). They will go live on November 1.
- In October, consumers will have an opportunity to window shop different plans, including qualified health plans and dental plans.
- AB4-96 made changes to allow classified positions and unclassified positions within their agency. There will be nine new classified employees added.
- The implementation of the HRA rule will be delayed until 2021.
- Federal rule changes: payment notice issued on annual basis. In 2021, there will be a premium adjustment percentage: increase from 2.6%-4.6% in monthly premium amounts (\$46.00-\$70.00 per year additional in premium amounts) as well as paying an additional yearly amount of \$200.00 for out-of-pocket maximum costs. Hoping to delay health reimbursement rates until 2021.
- If a person has a qualifying life event outside of the open enrollment period they are eligible for a special enrollment period.
- There are some grants for brokers and navigators that will be announced next week.

- There will be a presentation with the opportunity for staff to answer questions.
- The dates are: Las Vegas area September 17 and Reno September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- A new marketing campaign is under development with new advertising going up in the fall of 2019

**7. Business:**

**a. Reports, updates and possible recommendations on advisory board and committee members' shared issues and goals worksheet for Housing, Advocacy, Communication, Data, Planning, Transportation, Food, Social and Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteers, Financing and Social and Health Services (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz**

James Doyle states he would like to add his name to Budget. Doris Webber states she would like to add her name to Social Recreation and Senior Law Services. Garth Elliot states he would like to be taken off Food Security and be put on Transportation.

Rosemary Padgett states she would like to add her name to Communication & Info.

**b. Discussion, update and possible recommendations regarding Older Americans Month 2019 event (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz**

Clontz stated Marsy sent out information about events going on and that helped have more attendees at the events. Deardorff states the size of the pamphlet went over well, however the font needs to be larger for next year. Badolato stated they are looking at creating an attendance sheet for next year. Clontz states the font color was difficult to read. Sorensen recommends an ice cream social and music for next year.

**c. Discussion, update and possible recommendation regarding Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors distribution (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz**

Abby Badolato states the number one requested item was adult diapers.

They do not do a massive distribution; all questions can be directed to Badolato.

Homebound seniors are welcome to call the Senior Center if they are in need, and they will make a trip to deliver supplies. Badolato expressed her thanks to everyone that helped with the event.

**d. Discussion and possible recommendation to co-host a community seminar regarding current senior health issues and services, including topics relating to suicide prevention, elder abuse, law enforcement programs and policies in dealing with crimes against elders, training seniors and staff in techniques to prevent, and de-escalate and defuse negative social interactions with others (For Possible Action) – Donna Clontz**

Clontz stated it would be good to have seniors know how to manage a negative situation. Kupfersmith states this is similar to what the RPD deals with; perhaps they can reach out to the Reno police to be a facilitator. Deardorff offers to have it at one of her sites. Robertson suggests the book 'Elderhood' by Louis Aronson. Deardorff suggests Kim Donohue give a presentation on suicide prevention.

**e. Update on legislation affecting seniors at the Nevada Legislature and discussion and possible action regarding advocacy for senior issues with policymakers, including identification of issues and dates for future advocacy training and workshops (For Possible Action) – Connie McMullen.**

Connie McMullen gave overview of 2019 Legislative session and mentioned she was able to get a \$0.14 increase for 15 minutes for the personal care providers.

AB131: study to look at care professionals not licensed.

AB228: Long-Term Care Ombudsman –to include 539 additional facilities in Nevada

AB480: supported decision-making agreements thus avoiding guardianships  
SB362: revises provisions concerning placement of persons with dementia in a residential facility for groups  
SB92: revises provisions on certain group housing; requires licensed providers  
SB447: exempts sales of certain durable medical equipment from sales and use tax  
SB443: appropriates money to increase rates for certain meal programs  
SB457: requires recording of a death  
AB414: grants to assist seniors with independent living; respite care for caregivers  
SB540: helps vulnerable people 18 years and older due to exploitation  
AB170: revises provisions to health insurance coverage  
AB223: Dept of Health and Human Services: waivers for diabetes and dental  
SB24: Silver Hair Legislative Forum  
SB276: Committee for Interim Study on cost of prescription drugs

**f. Report, discussion and possible recommendations regarding age-friendly communities sponsored by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) throughout Washoe County, Reno and Sparks (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Clontz**

Clontz encourages each board to be active in creating senior friendly communities; see attachment for meeting dates. The next step is to approach the government/City Council and advocate. Weiss adds they are in need of volunteers.

**8. City of Reno Staff Report – None at time of posting.**

**9. Washoe County Human Services Agency Staff Report – Update and discussion on transportation grant – Steve McBride, Division Director**

Steve McBride stated they were the recipients of a grant in which three vehicles were granted the last two years. They are ready to launch their pilot later this month in which the Senior Ambassador Program will be involved. They are still looking for volunteers.

**10. City of Sparks Report – Update and discussion on senior programs, issues, and activities- Donald Abbott, Sparks City Council**

Abbot stated they have 12 members, Lamerne Kozlowski is Chair, but could not come to the meeting. They have updated their bylaws and the next meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in October 2019(For Possible Action)**

Poli states they should set up next year's meeting schedule.

**12. Public Comment**

McMullen states Senior Fest will take place September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clontz states Senior Summer Games will take place August 16 – 31. Marsy stated her gratitude for the goodies provided.

**13. Adjournment (For Possible Action)**

**WCHSASAB:** Rick Sorensen makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by James Doyle. All in favor, motion passes.

**SCAC:** Donna Clontz makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Barbara Deavers. All in favor, motion passes.

**SSCAC:** Kyle Waxman makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Andrea Pelto. All in favor, motion passes.